



OAKHAM URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1972

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A N N U A L R E P O R T

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

1972

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (in acres)	2,250
Registrar General's estimate of population (mid-year)	6,780
Number of inhabited houses at end of 1972	2,265
Rateable Value at 31st December, 1972	£256,232
Net product of a one new penny rate	£2,338

VITAL STATISTICS

	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Total</u>
Live Births: Legitimate	52	45	97
Illegitimate	4	3	7
Still Births: Legitimate	-	1	1
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Eng. and Wales 1972

Live Birth Rate:	Crude	15.3	Corrected	15.3	14.8
Death Rate:	"	10.5	"	9.9	12.1
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births:	"	19.0			17.0

CAUSES OF DEATH

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Malignant neoplasm - oesophagus	1	-
" " - stomach	1	1
" " - intestine	1	1
" " - breast	-	1
" " - uterus	-	2
" " - prostate	1	-
Leukaemia	-	1
Other malignant neoplasms	-	3
Chronic rheumatic heart disease	-	1
Hypertensive disease	-	1
Ischaemic heart disease	10	8
Other forms of heart disease	3	3
Cerebrovascular disease	5	2
Other diseases of circulatory system	6	2
Pneumonia	4	6
Bronchitis and Emphysema	-	1
Intestinal obstruction and hernia	1	-
Other diseases, genito urinary system	1	-
Motor vehicle accidents	1	-
All other accidents	1	2
	<u>36</u>	<u>35</u>

LABORATORY FACILITIES

The following examinations of specimens from the area were carried out during the year at the Public Health Laboratory, Leicester.

Nose and throat swabs	8
Faeces	20

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

Age distribution of Notified Diseases

(other than Tuberculosis) during the year

1972

Disease	Under 1	1 2	2 3	3 4	4 5	5 9	10 14	15 24	25 and over
Sonne Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Salmonella (unidentified)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

<u>Water</u>	<u>Bacteriological</u>		<u>Chemical</u>	
	<u>By U.D.</u>	<u>By Water Authority</u>	<u>By U.D.</u>	<u>By Water Authority</u>
Number of Samples taken for analysis:-				
(a) from wells	-	-	-	-
(b) from piped supply	-	52	-	52
(c) at source of public supply	-	-	-	-
Results of Samples taken:-				
(a) from wells - unsatisfactory	-	-	-	-
satisfactory	-	-	-	-
(b) from piped supply - unsatisfactory	-	-	-	-
satisfactory	-	52	-	52

All the public supply sources are outside the Urban District.

The public supply was unrestricted throughout the year.

Leicester Corporation is responsible for the water supply.

Practically 100% of the houses and of the population of the Urban District are supplied. In a few cases the water is not laid into the houses. These are mainly in an area scheduled for re-development. There are no public stand-pipes but in five cases taps are shared.

Two good houses with satisfactory piped private supplies are the only ones not on the public supply.

The fluoride content of the water is less than 0.2 p.p.m. and the Council decided in 1963 that no objection be raised to any proposal for the addition of fluoride to the water supply.

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal

Following the completion of the extensions and alterations to the sewage disposal works, the Council's Consulting Engineers commenced investigations into the sewerage system in the Urban District.

Some alterations to the system will be necessary due to large amounts of infiltration water being apparent at the treatment works and also to allow a relief road scheme, which is being prepared by Rutland County Council, to proceed.

Extensions to the present system were laid by developers of estates and these sewers will ultimately become public sewers. These extensions amounted to some 700 lin. yards of foul sewer. All new developments are being sewered on a separate system.

The operation of the sewage disposal works continued well during the year.

At the end of the year, eight houses were not connected to the main system but these are in isolated areas and include four farmhouses.

The sewage from the villages of Barleythorpe and Eggleton within the Oakham Rural District is, by arrangement, also dealt with at the works of the Oakham Urban District Council.

Closet Accommodation

All the sanitary accommodation in the Urban District consists of water closets.

ANALYTICAL SUMMARY OF THE AREA

Number of samples taken for analysis:-	Bacteriological		Chemical	
	By Water	By U.D.	By Water	By U.D.

(a) from wells	-	-	-	-
(b) from piped supply	-	52	-	52
(c) at source of public supply	-	-	-	-
Location of samples taken:-				
(a) from wells - unsatisfactory	-	-	-	-
(b) from piped supply - unsatisfactory	-	-	-	-
(c) from piped supply - satisfactory	-	52	-	52

All the public supply mains are outside the Urban District.

The public supply was unsatisfactory throughout the year.

Water Corporation is responsible for the water supply.

Approximately 10% of the houses and of the population of the Urban District are supplied. In a few cases the water is not laid into the houses. There are no public stand-pipes. There are no public stand-pipes. There are no public stand-pipes. There are no public stand-pipes.

Two good houses with satisfactory piped private supplies are the only ones not on the public supply.

The chemical content of the water is less than 0.5 p.p.m. and the Council decided in 1955 that no objection be taken to any proposal for the addition of fluoride to the water supply.

Wastewater and Sewage Disposal

Following the completion of the extension and alterations to the sewerage system, the Council's Sewerage Department continued its operations into the sewerage system in the Urban District.

Some alterations to the system will be necessary due to large amounts of industrial waste being dumped at the treatment works and also to allow a better road surface, which is being proposed by British Gas Corporation, to be placed.

Extensions to the sewerage system were laid by developers of estates and these will be completed by the end of the year. All new developments are being connected to a separate system.

The operation of the sewerage disposal works continued well during the year.

At the end of the year, eight houses were not connected to the main system and these are to be connected early in the next year.

The main sewer from the village of Littlehampton and Littlehampton is to be extended to the village of Littlehampton, also to be extended to the village of Littlehampton.

Water Supply

All the water supply is from the Urban District Council's water works.

Public Cleansing

All the premises in Oakham have moveable dustbins and the Council operates a 70 cu. yds (ejection discharge) compressing refuse collection vehicle manned by a driver and four men. A seven day cycle of collections is maintained from all the houses and from the shops, with some shops receiving two collections per week. An incentive bonus scheme was commenced during the year, this gave an improved collection service and allowed the vehicle to be utilised for some trade refuse collection within the working week.

Refuse disposal is by controlled tipping in a disused ironstone quarry six miles from the town between Wing and Morcott. During the year, Ketton Rural District Council continued to use the tip for disposal of refuse from part of their district.

The Council operates a free collection service for large and bulky articles such as furniture, as part of its function under the Civic Amenities Act.

Smoke

There are no industrial chimneys within the district. No complaints of smoke nuisance arose.

Common Lodging Houses

There are no Common Lodgings in the district.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

The particulars given under this heading are for all purposes including particulars given elsewhere in this Report.

Total number of complaints received 83 (including 53 of rats and mice)

Total number of defects or nuisances discovered arising out of complaints 90 (including " " " " ")

This does not include oral complaints which are usually dealt with immediately.

Nature of Inspection

No. of Inspections and Re-visits

Dwelling houses (all purposes)	409
Tents, Vans, etc.	-
Food premises	55
Dairies	2
Offensive trades	-
Animal keeping	-
Factories, etc.	41
Shops and offices	65
Other premises	23

The Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act is maintaining a good standard to sanitary provisions in those types of premises.

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NOTICES

<u>Preliminary</u>	<u>Housing</u>	<u>Other</u>
Outstanding on 1st January 1972	3	-
Issued during the year	13	8
Complied with during year	12	8
Outstanding 31st December 1972	4	-
<u>Statutory</u>		
Outstanding on 1st January 1972	2*	-
Issued during the year	-	-
Complied with during year	-	-
Outstanding 31st December 1972	2*	-

*These outstanding cases relate to Demolition Orders where action is not complete, but the premises concerned were not occupied at the end of the year.

Defects or Nuisances

Most of the work is done by letter, interview or telephone, and few formal notices, either preliminary or statutory, are used.



CONTROL OF RATS

The Council has a contract with Ratsouris Limited for rat control. All complaints were promptly dealt with and at the end of the year there was little evidence of rats in the town.

SWIMMING POOLS AND POOLS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

An open-air swimming bath owned by Oakham School Trustees is hired by the Council during the summer holidays and opened to public use, the Council providing attendants etc. The bath has a pressure filter and chlorinator which works most of the time while the bath is in public use.

Fourteen inspections were made during the season.

A modern indoor pool at the Vale of Catmose Village College is made available for use by various organisations during school terms and out of school hours.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Milk Supply

At the end of the year there were four distributors and four premises registered. Six inspections of premises and vehicles were made.

No action was found necessary under Regulation 20 - Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959.

Ice-Cream

No ice-cream is now made in Oakham, but nineteen premises are registered for its sale.

Meat Shops, Meat Stores, etc.

Number of inspections 10

There is no slaughterhouse in the Urban District.

Carcases and Offal Inspection and Condemned in Whole or in Part

Whole carcases condemned - None

Carcases of which some part
or organ was condemned - None

FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1960

Premises subject to the Regulations are as follows:-

	<u>No.</u>	<u>Complying with</u> <u>Reg. 16</u>	<u>No. to which</u> <u>Reg. 19 applies</u>	<u>Complying with</u> <u>Reg. 19</u>
Butchers	8	8	8	8
Fishmongers	1	1	1	1
Grocers	10	10	10	10
Bread and Confect.	4	4	2	2
Hotels and Licensed Premises	12	12	12	12
Works Canteens	2	2	2	2
School Kitchens	6	6	6	6
Restaurants	3	3	3	3
Dairy Shop, etc.	1	1	1	1
Greengrocers	4	4	-	-

Eight contraventions were found and were remedied.

There is a busy street market on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Some of the stalls sell vegetables, fruit and other foods. It is occasionally necessary to draw attention to breaches of the Regulations but the stall holders are generally ready to comply.



Premises Registered Under Food and Drugs Act, 1955 Section 16 for

<u>Preparation of Sausages, Potted Meats and Meat Pies</u>	-	7
<u>Preparation and sale of Fish and Chips</u>	-	2
<u>Preparation and sale of Packed Cooked Meals</u>	-	1
<u>Disposal of Condemned Food</u>		

The following foods were voluntarily surrendered as unfit:-

Cooked meat and meat products	-
Canned meats	10 lbs,
Other canned foods	-
Fish (fresh)	-
Fruit and Vegetables (fresh)	-
Other foods	-
Frozen foods due to cabinet breakdown.	7 cwt.

HOUSING

Number of dwelling houses in respect of which
Demolition Orders were made:- Nil

Closing Orders made:- -

Number of dwelling houses demolished in
pursuance of Demolition or Clearance Orders:- Nil

Demolished without necessity of Demolition Order:- Nil

Occupied houses with operative Demolition or
Closing Orders:- -

Number of dwelling houses closed voluntarily by
owners following service of informal notice:- 4

During the year 26 applicants were rehoused.

At the 31st December, the Council owned 583 houses and flats, 10 temporary bungalows and 24 old houses in the Westgate area of the town. Included in this latter figure are 14 which are unoccupied and are eventually to be demolished for redevelopment.

The scheme to improve 103 pre-war dwellings was completed. This scheme modernised the bathrooms, and enabled internal W.C.'s to be installed, together with new hot water systems with heating from gas fires with integral back boilers. Exteriors of the properties were also renovated and weatherproofed. The scheme was generally well accepted by the tenants.



HOUSING

In various parts of the town, improvement grants have been made. Eleven Standard Grants were approved in 1972 and ten completed, including six which had received approval in 1970.

These completions resulted in the installation of nine baths, ten wash-basins, ten hot and cold water systems, ten internal W.C.'s and two sinks.

Three Discretionary Grants were approved but none of these completed in the year. Four were completed which had been approved in 1971. These resulted in the houses being brought to a first class standard.

The following table shows new house completions in the last ten years:-

Year	Houses completed other than by the Council	Council Houses	Total
1963	38	8	46
1964	74	1	75
1965	93	6	99
1966	114	22	136
1967	152	77	229
1968	146	-	146
1969	44	-	44
1970	41	12	53
1971	32	-	32
1972	100	-	100
TOTAL	834	126	960



APPENDIX

Factories Act, 1961

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration

of the Factories Act, 1961

PART I OF THE ACT

I - INSPECTIONS for the purpose of provision as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspector).

(1)	No. on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	3	5	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	37	31	-	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' Premises)	5	5	-	-
TOTAL:-	45	41	-	-

II - CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Particulars	No. of cases in which defects were found				No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness	7	7	-	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation	1	1	-	-	-
Ineffective ventilation	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL:-	8	8	-	-	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT

OUTWORK

(SECTIONS 133 AND 134)

Nature of work	Section 133			Section 134		
	No. of out- workers in August list required by Section 133 (1) (c)	No. of cases of default in send- ing lists to the Council	No of Prosecu- tions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prose- cutions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Wearing apparel making, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Plastic and Plastic Articles	23	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL:-	23	-	-	-	-	-

